

**ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL**



**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE** June 25, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Nominees to fill categories on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee to the State Board of Education

**SUBMITTED BY:** Milton Ericksen-Deputy Associate Superintendent, Career and Technical Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** June 7, 2007

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Arizona State Statute, 15-781.01, originally established the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory committee in 1991. In September of 1998, the State Board of Education reconstituted the CTE Advisory Committee in response to an Arizona Auditor General performance audit of the Arizona State Board for Vocational and Technological Education finding that raised concern relative to the Board's attention to vocational education issues due to the sheer number of all education issues in Arizona. The State Board for Career and Technical Education, under Board Rule R7-2-2-1, decided to continue this advisory committee, as it offers a means to provide needed input from various viewpoints related to policies and directions. It is essential for the State Board for Career and Technical Education to have this type of dissemination of information to better understand the myriad of issues indigenous to this complex area of education at both the secondary and post-secondary level.

The current advisory committee contains the number of members of education and business and industry in the following categories:

Arizona State Board of Education-Ex-Officio-1

Business and Industry large-3

Small Business-2

Arizona Business and Education Coalition-1

Arizona Department of Economic Security-1

Arizona Department of Commerce-1

City Chamber of Commerce-1

State Chamber of Commerce-1

Arizona Universities-3

Arizona Community Colleges-2

Federal Education Initiative/P-20 Council-1

Joint Technical Education District-1

School Board Representative-1

CTE District Administrator-2

Secondary CTE Instructor-1

Department of Education-CTE-1

All members serve four year terms. A term can be vacated if a member retires from the committee after serving their term or are no longer employed by the representing organization. At this point a replacement for the remaining years of the term is identified and brought to the State Board. If a representative serves until term expiration, they have the option of seeking reappointment for a full term.

**Representative of Large Business:**

**Nominee: Jeffrey Freeman-Manager of Business Partnerships, Honeywell Aerospace, Phoenix, Arizona.** In his current position at Honeywell, Mr. Freeman is charged with oversight of the educational, financial and development resources and strategic plan initiatives for the many Honeywell sites throughout the country. His previous experience includes serving as Business Development Manager in the state of Florida, where his duties included foreign investment, corporate expansion and attraction for aviation and aerospace industries. He also served on the Florida governor's Trade Commission Panel and helped to promote the growth and development of technical institutes to support community growth. Through the partnerships that he developed on a local, state and federal level, Jeff was able to insure that the needs of the business community and its workforce were being met through support of and from education, finance and strategic growth planning. His term would run from July 1, 2007 to June 30 of 2011. Mr. Freeman works collaboratively with Pam Ross from Honeywell who is the co-chair of the Governor's Council on Workforce Development. Jeff's background makes him eminently qualified to be a large business representative for the CTE Advisory Committee.

**Representative of the Department of Economic Security:**

**Nominee: Pat Harrington-Assistant Director for Employment and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Economic Security.** Mr. Harrington's state government career spans over 30 years, and includes service at the Arizona Legislature, the Governor's office, and several state agencies. Programs under Pat's supervision include DES Employment Programs (Job Service, the Jobs Program for TANF recipients, and the Workforce Development Administration), Unemployment Insurance, the Child Care Administration, Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living, and Arizona Industries for the Blind. He was Deputy Assistant Director for the DES Division of Child Support Enforcement from 1995 through 2000. In private sector positions, Pat implemented child support enforcement automated systems, and served as executive director of a trade association. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. Pat's extensive background in economic and workforce development, vocational and jobs training will make him an invaluable addition to the advisory committee.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW: To have the State Board of Education ( for Career and Technical Education) approve the two candidates listed for a four year term on the CTE Advisory Committee to the State Board.**

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [ ] NO[X]**